

Covid Risk Assessment Appendix 1-Additional information to the Spring Term 2022 Whole School COVID-19 Risk Assessment, following changes in government guidance and local guidance -Updated 11th January 2022.

Venerable Bede CE Academy

Hazard/Issue	Controls currently in place	Further action to be taken during the Spring Term	By Whom & When	Risk Rating H/M/L
1)Lateral Flow Device (LFD) Asymptomatic Testing at home				
Home LFD Testing	<p>-From January 11th Staff and Pupils who receive a positive Lateral Flow Device (LFD) test result for COVID-19 will be required to self-isolate immediately and <u>will not</u> be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.</p> <p>-Staff/Parents and Carers are to continue to report the positive LFD test result to GOV.UK</p> <p>-Staff/Parents and Carers are aware to continue to follow the Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection following a positive LFD test.</p> <p>-In line with the reduced self-isolation guidance on the 22nd December 2021, Staff/Pupils who test positive will be able to leave isolation 7 days after their initial positive test <u>if</u> they receive 2 negative LFD results 24hrs apart, on days 6 and 7 (See diagram below and flow chart on website).</p> <p>-Pupils over 5 years of age are now advised to participate in LFD testing if they live in the same household as someone who has tested positive for COVID-19-Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection</p> <p>-Pupils under 5 can participate in LFD testing at the discretion of their Parent/Carer.</p>	<p>-Staff, Parents and Carers to be advised of the new guidance introduced on the 11th January 2022-Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection</p> <p>-Staff, Parents and Carers to be advised to follow the guidance-When to self-isolate and what to do</p>	Head teacher-Immediate	M
2)Transmission of all variants of COVID-19 within the school community				

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<p>Number of Staff/Pupil positive cases</p>	<p>-The Omicron variant is more transmissible than previous COVID-19 variants. Due to the wide spread impact, schools will no longer receive individual routine support from the LA Public Health Team, due to limited capacity.</p> <p>-Head teachers are aware that they no longer need to report to LA via the COVID-19 Education settings reporting tool when they meet the COVID-19 threshold.</p> <p>-Head teachers are aware that they are to report via the COVID-19 Education settings reporting tool. if a Staff member or Pupil has been admitted to hospital.</p> <p>-Local public health support will continue to be provided where a positive case- Staff/Pupil is hospitalized.</p> <p>-The LA have provided a self-assessment checklist for Schools/Academies to use, to ensure that where positive cases are increasing in the school community, suitable and sufficient controls are in place.</p> <p>-LA Public Health Team will continue to monitor cases within schools in the local authority and provide support if case numbers are higher than anticipated.</p> <p>-LA Public Health Team will continue to lead on supporting schools re COVID-19 Outbreaks</p> <p>If further advice is required contact the DfE helpline on 0800 046 8687.</p>	<p>-Where positive case numbers are increasing, consult the LA self-assessment checklist provided to ensure all adequate control measures are in place.</p> <p>-Where need identified the Outbreak Management Plan is to be introduced/reviewed or updated.</p> <p>-Contact Lisa Cockburn, Executive Business Manager, for support; (lisa.cockburn@venerablebede.co.uk)</p>	<p>Head teacher-As required</p>	<p>M</p>
<p>Transmission of COVID-19 in the Spring Term 2022 within the school community</p>	<p>-Staff and Pupils who develop 1 of the 3 main COVID-19 symptoms should stay at home and self-isolate and <u>take a PCR test.</u></p>	<p>-Staff/Parents and Carers to be reminded that anyone who develops 1 of the 3 main COVID-19 symptoms should stay at home and self-isolate and <u>take a PCR test.</u></p>	<p>Head teacher-Immediate</p>	<p>M</p>
<p>COVID-19 Outbreak</p>	<p>-LA Public Health Team will continue to monitor cases within schools in the LA and provide support if case numbers are higher than anticipated.</p> <p>-LA Public Health Team will continue to lead on supporting schools re COVID-19 Outbreaks.</p> <p>- Contact Lisa Cockburn, Executive Business Manager, for support;</p>	<p>-Where need identified contact the DfE helpline on 0800 046 8687.</p>	<p>Head teacher-As required</p>	

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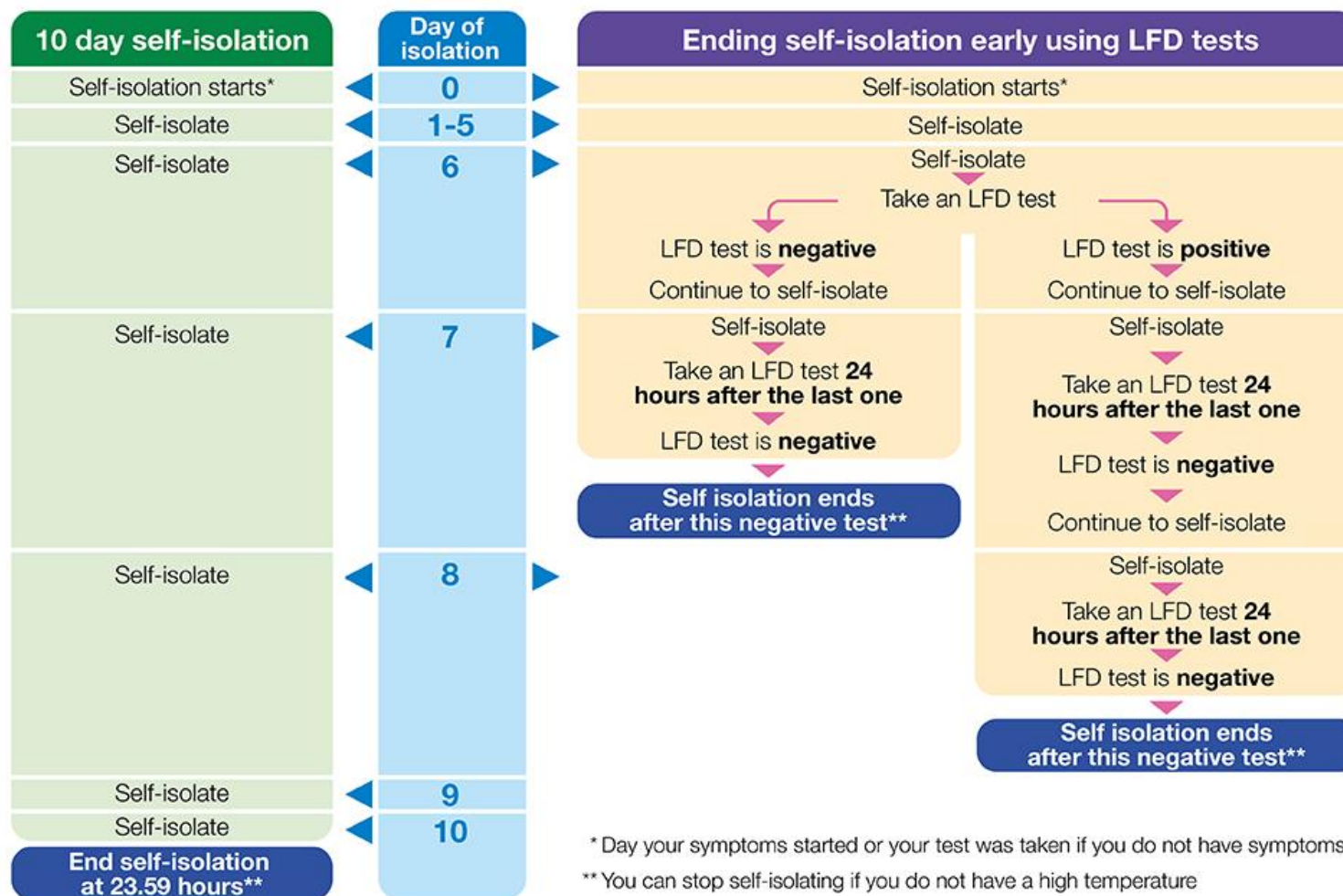
	(lisa.cockburn@venerablebede.co.uk)			
4) Maintaining Hand and Respiratory Hygiene				
Mock Exams	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Face coverings only need to be worn by pupils when arriving for and leaving exam area, unless exempt. -Face coverings removed on entry and stored appropriately -Pupils and Invigilators can wear face coverings if they wish when in the exam area. -Hand sanitiser applied on entry to the exam area. -Tissues and waste bins located in the exam area to ensure good respiratory hygiene. -Exam areas are ventilated prior to and during the exams. -Pupils feeling unwell are removed from the exam area and taken to an area where their wellbeing can be assessed. 	-Use of face coverings will be reviewed on the 27 th January 2022	DfE	M
6) Cleaning carried out on the school site				
Outbreak on the school site		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Where an Outbreak has been identified consider reintroducing pupils cleaning desks down at the end of each lesson. -Use of the fogging machine in identified areas. 	Head teacher-As required	M
8) Staff and Pupils previously identified as Clinically Extremely Vulnerable (CEV) or Clinically Vulnerable in the school community.				
Staff		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Medical ill health risk assessment to be reviewed in the Spring Term. -Where Staff report a positive LFD test- Where staff have a health condition which means that they are at increased risk from COVID-19 they are to be advised to seek a PCR test. -Staff identified as Close Contacts- Where staff have a health condition which mean that they are at increased 	Head teacher-As required	M

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		risk from COVID-19 they are to be advised to seek a PCR test.		
Pupils		<p>-Where a pupil has a health condition which mean that they are at an increased risk from COVID-19 and they report a positive LFD their Parent/Carer are to be advised to seek a PCR test.</p> <p>-Where a pupil has a health condition which mean that they are at an increased risk from COVID-19 and they are identified as a close contact their Parent/Carer are to be advised to seek a PCR test.</p>	SENCo-As required	M
New and Expectant Mum		<p>-New and Expectant mum risk assessments to be reviewed/completed in the Spring Term.</p> <p>-Where Staff report a positive LFD test they are advised to seek a PCR test.</p> <p>-Where a Staff member has been in close proximity to a positive case, they are to be advised to seek a PCR test.</p> <p>-Advice to increase LFD testing where an outbreak is identified within the school.</p>	Head teacher-As required	M

Examples of when to end self-isolation if you have had COVID-19 symptoms or have received a positive COVID-19 test result

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Guidance Updates
NHS-When to self-isolate and what to do.
Guidance for contacts of people with confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection who do not live with the person- updated-11/01/2022
Stay at home: guidance for households with possible or confirmed coronavirus (COVID-19) infection-updated 11/01/2022

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